



DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL

NOTICE UNDER LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1972 (Section 87(2))

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a casual vacancy has occurred in the office of Councillor for the Aqueduct Ward of the Civic Parish of Dawley Hamlets following the departure of Councillor Jane Pinter on July 20th 2020.

Rule 5(2) of The Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) (England and Wales) Rules, 2006 now applies.

The rule allows TEN ELECTORS for the parish [ward] in which the casual vacancy has arisen to request the Returning Officer to hold an election to fill the vacancy.*

That request must be made within FOURTEEN DAYS, calculated in accordance with the rules,** of the date of this notice.

The fourteen-day period ends on 7th August 2020.

Please note that if an election is requested, a poll cannot take place until 6 May 2021 as a result of the Coronavirus Act 2020 and the 2020 Regulations.

What if a request to hold an election is not received during the permitted time? Rule 5(5) of the above Rules will apply. The Parish Council must, as soon as practicable after the expiry of the fourteen-day period, co-opt a person to fill the vacancy.

The Returning Officer's address is Electoral Services Office, Telford and Wrekin Council, Darby House, Lawn Central, Telford, TF3 4JA and his telephone number for further guidance is (01952) 383210.

This notice is dated the Twentieth day of July 2020.

Clerk to the Council

* There is no form of words for this request, which might simply be a letter headed with such words as "We the undersigned being electors for the [Ward of] ... Parish, call for an election to fill the vacancy arising from the [death][resignation] of ...". It is helpful if the ten signatures are accompanied by printed names and addresses.

** In calculating the notice period, day one is the day following the date of this notice; a Saturday, Sunday, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Good Friday or a Bank Holiday or day appointed for public thanksgiving or mourning shall be disregarded, and the period closes at midnight on the fourteenth day after the date of this notice.